

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 14-18 are amended.

Applicant appreciates the courtesies shown to Applicant's representative by Examiner Baker in a December 16 telephone conversation. Pursuant to that conversation, this Amendment amends claims 14-18 due to the informalities noted in the Office Action.

Specifically, by this Amendment, claim 14 is amended to depend from claim 13; claim 15 is amended to depend from claim 14; claim 16 is amended to depend from claim 15; claim 17 is amended to depend from claim 16; and, claim 18 is amended to depend from claim 17.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

The rejections applied in the Office Action are addressed by Applicant's December 9, 2005 Request for Reconsideration.

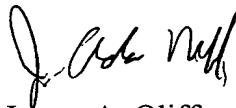
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It is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance.

Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-20 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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